

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Who: County of San Luis Obispo

What: A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared and issued for the Branch Mill

Road Bridge Replacement Project. The San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works is proposing to replace the existing bridge on Branch Mill Road over Tar Spring Creek, in the southern area of San Luis Obispo County. The purpose of the Project is to replace the structurally deficient bridge, provide standard roadway widths, and adjust the roadway alignment. Branch Mill Road will be closed to the public for up to 5 months in order to construct the Project. A temporary bridge will be placed downstream of the current bridge to allow farm equipment and contractor access across the creek. The Project will result in the temporary disturbance of 2.19 acres and the permanent disturbance of approximately 1.4 acres. The project is located on Branch Mill Road, approximately 1,200 feet southwest of Huasna Road, east of the City of Arroyo Grande. The project is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, including but not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, or

hazardous waste disposal sites.

Where: Copies of the proposed Negative Declaration and all documents referenced in the

Negative Declaration are available for review at the San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works, 976 Osos Street, Room 206, San Luis Obispo, CA

93408.

Comments: The 30-day review and comment period for the proposed Negative Declaration

begins on Friday, August 16, 2013 and ends on Monday, September 16, 2013. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the review period and addressed to: Katie Drexhage, Environmental Resource Specialist, County

Government Center, Room 206, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

Public Hearing: The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing at a

date yet to be determined to consider the adoption of the Negative Declaration.

Interested persons can access the Board of Supervisor's agenda at

http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/bos/BOSagenda.htm.